

REMARKS

1. Claims 1 – 8, 10-16, and 23 are pending in the application. Claim 10 has been amended. Claims 1 – 8, 10-16, and 23 remain in the application.

2. Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement that claims 1-8, 10-16, and 23 are allowable over the prior art and that the "application is in condition for allowance except for ... formal matters". The formal matters noted by the Examiner have been addressed as discussed below.

3. Claim 10 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The reference to "said flat receiving glass plate" has been rewritten as "said flat glass plate". This amendment makes the referenced item consistent with the rest of the claims and provides sufficient antecedent basis for the item as amended. This amendment is fully supported by the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. It is believed no new matter has been added by these amendments.

4. A substitute specification was previously submitted but not entered because a clean copy of the substitute specification was not received by the Patent Office. A "clean" copy of the specification is attached hereto, and for the Examiner's convenience the explanation of the amendments is represented as follows (page numbers refer to the page numbering of this substitute specification):

Page 1, the Cross Reference to Related Applications has been amended to include the PCT Application.

Page 5, last paragraph, line 3, "residual diluent" has been rewritten as "excess liquid" to be consistent with preceding recitation of item number "51" in the previous paragraph.

Page 5, last paragraph, line 3, "liquid toner" is now identified as **45** and item **50** properly refers to toner on the drum.

Page 8, first full paragraph, "actinic radiation" has been properly identified as item 65 and the reference to Figure 4b has been changed to 4a.

Page 12,, first full paragraph and fifth paragraph, the elements “glass”, “gap”, and “plate” have been identified as items 404, 410, and 400, respectively.

Page 15, end of first full paragraph, has been amended to include the reference to an optical means as item **111** . Support for this amendment can be found throughout the application, for example, in original drawings 1 and 11, claims 3 and 13, and in the specification (e.g., page 6, first paragraph.).

Page 16, first full paragraph, line 3, the “transfer position” has been identified as item **148**.

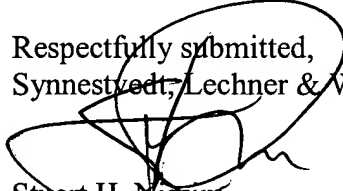
Page 16, first full paragraph, line 7, has been amended to identify the second corona unit as item **128**.

Page 16, last full paragraph, line 2, has been amended to identify the glass back plate as item **200**.

Page 19, second paragraph, line 2, “charge 312” has been corrected to refer to “charge 310”.

5. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests, examination of the RCE application, withdrawal of all objections and rejections, and allowance of claims 1-8, 10-16, and 23 at an early date.

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